

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 209

By Travis

A RESOLUTION to commend Deanna Hankins Rains for her honorable and astute service as Bledsoe County Trustee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such person is Deanna Hankins Rains, who evinced the greatest integrity and probity as the Bledsoe County Trustee before taking her well-deserved retirement on August 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rains was first elected to serve as Bledsoe County Trustee in 1994 and rendered twenty-six years of sterling service, earning the respect and admiration of the residents of Bledsoe County during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Deanna Rains began her career in the office of the Bledsoe County Trustee in the position of Deputy Trustee on November 1, 1982, and served with distinction in that capacity until August 31, 1994; and

WHEREAS, born on November 27, 1960, in Pikeville, the daughter of D.E. and Ruth Hankins, Deanna Hankins Rains and her four siblings, Earnie Hankins, Phillip Hankins, Mikey Hankins, and Donna Hankins Roberts, grew up on Wheeler Mountain and attended Mt. Crest United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rains attended Mary V. Wheeler Elementary School and graduated from Bledsoe County High School in 1978; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of the Lusk community, Mrs. Rains is a member of the Bledsoe County Democratic Party, First Families of Bledsoe County, and the Pikeville Garden Club; and

WHEREAS, a woman of devout faith, Deanna Rains is a twenty-five-year member of Pikeville United Methodist Church, which she has served in a number of capacities; and

WHEREAS, throughout her many successes, Deanna Rains has been grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Joel B. Rains, and their children and their families: son, Amos "Grant" Rains and his wife, Amanda Courtney Rains, and their children, Amos "Case" Rains, Emmett "Boyd" Rains, and Walker "Sutton" Rains; and her daughter, Cara Rains Sapp, and her husband, Bradley Samuel Sapp, and their daughter, Alaina "Allie" Grace Sapp; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Rains is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Deanna Hankins Rains for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Bledsoe County Trustee and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.